



THE CITY OF SAN DIEGO

## **Senior Affairs Advisory Board (SAAB) Minutes Wednesday, November 2, 2005**

Meeting was called to order at 11:10 a.m. by Chairperson Pat Ford.

**Members Present:** John Patrick Ford, Dolli Cutler, Sam Duran, Sharon McColl, Cheryl Wilson **Excused Absences:** Millie Acasio, Leane Marchese, Madeline Paul, Floyd Willis, Donald Steele, Rosemary White-Pope **Unexcused Absences:** William Liu **Staff Present:** Diana Gray **Guests:** Glenda Backman, Michelle Cabrera, Craig Sumner, Kristi Fenick

### **Modifications to the Agenda:**

Senior Affairs Advisory Board (SAAB) will need to discuss the replacement of two board members, possibly three.

Don Steele called and said that he was resigning from the board due to health concerns.

Madeline Paul came by earlier today and left her letter of resignation with the Chairperson Pat Ford.

William Liu has not attended for some time and has not communicated with anyone on the board. His absences for the past two meetings should be recorded as unexcused absences.

Cheryl Wilson proposed Paul Downey as a possible candidate for SAAB.

**Approval of November 2, 2005 minutes:** Tabled until December 2005 SAAB board meeting

### **Old Business:**

**Housing Committee** – Cheryl Wilson reported on the Housing subcommittee meeting of October 25, 2005. The following are the high points of the Housing Sub-Committee meeting:

- The current and future goal is to educate City Council and staff to the needs of seniors, specifically the need for affordable housing for seniors in the City of San Diego.
- Address the lack of senior housing units in the city under the General Plan
- Maintaining relationships with the San Diego Housing Commission
- Enter into a dialogue with CCDC to convince them to do more for low-income affordable senior housing.

- Invite Andrew Poat to a SAAB meeting to update us on the Intergovernmental Relations Plan,
- Recommend SAAB meetings be held on Thursday mornings at 10:00 a.m. in the Mayor's Conference Room

**Transportation Committee** – No report

**AIS Advisory Council Report** – Dolli Cutler reported that during the AIS Advisory Council Meeting of October, Sharon Cordese did a presentation on Emergency Evacuations for the County. Specifically Sharon spoke on Disaster Planning for Emergency Evacuations. This process is in the talking stages. Dolli was planning to talk to someone on the committee and make a recommendation to have someone available to go door to door to check on seniors in the case of an emergency evacuation. Dolli will try to get Sharon Cordese to come and speak at a future SAAB meeting.

**Sarbanes Resolution** – SAAB will draft a letter to accompany the proposed resolution in support of the Sarbanes initiative.

**Balboa Park's Senior Lounge Item** -- SAAB Chairperson Pat Ford will meet with a site evaluation team from Park & Recreation to review the Senior Lounge storage space issue.

**New Business:**

**SAAB Work Plan** --

Over the past year, SAAB has been successful in completing and presenting its first annual report to a Council Committee in June 2005. SAAB with Cheryl Wilson taking the lead is working on a resolution in support of the Sarbanes Legislation approved to help seniors age in place. This legislation would create an "Interagency Council on Meeting the Housing and Service Needs of Seniors." And SAAB has worked to restore meeting space for Seniors in the Senior Lounge located in Balboa Park.

Over the next year, SAAB will focus on the following areas:

- Invited Governmental Relations Department Director Andrew Poat to speak at the January 2007 meeting for a presentation and dialogue.
- Discuss and develop recommendations for the City's General Plan regarding the needs of Seniors for affordable housing and transportation at the December 2005 board meeting.
- Advocate for increased affordable Senior Housing in San Diego.
- Make a presentation on the state of seniors in San Diego to SANDAG and to MTS. (This would be similar to the presentation that SAAB made to the Council's Public Safety and Neighborhood Services Committee.)
- Seek Council member Tony Young's assistance on intergenerational interaction opportunities.
- Research possibilities of tax credit projects, review lobbying efforts on how tax credits are awarded, pursue an expedited program at the City of San Diego.
- Pursue the "Seniors Ride Free" concept with MTS.

- Continue to discuss how to increase affordable housing options for seniors in the downtown area.
- Address the concern for the provision of Taxicab service for seniors in light of the issue surrounding Taxicab operators' preference to not provide the short trip service which seniors tend to need.
- Strengthen relationship and access to Mayor's Office and to City Council Members.
- Prepare second state of seniors report for presentation to Council in June 2006.
- Work on getting a full board again, once the new Mayor has been elected. Currently, there are 3 vacancies that need to be filled.

**Public Comment:**

None

**Announcement(s):**

The Scroll (November/December 2005 issue) was distributed.

The Meeting was adjourned at 12:38 p.m.

*Next Meeting – Wednesday, December 7, 2005*

*Chairperson: Patrick Ford*

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